

Childcare & Development *(SCQF Level 5)*

Full-time

Where will I study?

Course code	Location	Duration
DBOCD	Aberdeen City Campus	1 Year
DAOCD	Fraserburgh Campus	1 Year

Welcome from Director of Curriculum

As the current Director of Curriculum, I would like to welcome you to the School of Service Industries at North East Scotland College. The School of Service Industries includes Child, Health & Social Care, Hair and Beauty, Hospitality, Sport, Animal Care, Social Sciences and Learning Opportunities.

This broad range of subjects has one common theme – they each offer interesting and exciting opportunities for students to progress and achieve success in their future. We are very fortunate in that our excellent teaching facilities allow each and every student to experience industry-focused, high quality learning. This means that on completion of your course, you are confident and capable when it comes to entering the workplace, or progressing towards further study. We pride ourselves in offering educational opportunities for all, whether you are starting at introductory level or joining one of our more advanced courses. On behalf of the entire teaching team, we are delighted to have you join – or consider joining – one of our courses.

Joan Thorne, Director of Curriculum for Service Industries

Introduction to the course

This course will provide students with the opportunity to improve their general education and understanding of the needs of children and the skills required to care for them. Students follow a programme involving the study of childcare in a range of settings, with a particular emphasis on early education and play work.

This course provides a great opportunity to gain nationally recognised group awards. A mandatory placement opportunity will be provided to students who demonstrate appropriate skills and values.

Entry requirements

Applicants should have four National 4 and two National 5 qualifications at grade C or above – one of which should be English. Other qualifications and experience may be taken into account, but the ability to work at SCQF Level 5 and a genuine aptitude for working with children is essential.

A clear disclosure or ability to gain membership of the PVG scheme in respect of Regulated Work with Children will be required prior to placement allocation. Please note that your membership will be organised by the College.

What subjects will I be studying?

You will learn about child development and health, whilst developing important skills in professional practice. Subjects include:

- Psychology for Care
- Values and Principles
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- IT
- Working with Children and Young People
- Children and Young People: Process of Play
- Child Development and Health
- Care and Feeding of Children
- First Aid

Assessment methods

Assessment takes the form of projects, portfolios, presentations, practical tasks and closed-book assessments.

Dress code

Students should dress appropriately for hands-on work, to allow participation in all activities. Students should present themselves at College in a professional manner appropriate for working in a care setting.

Equipment

Students attending placement will be required to purchase a NESCol polo shirt or hoodie.

Course progression

On successful completion students may apply to the NC Early Education & Childcare (SCQF Level 6) course.

University links

North East Scotland College has links with a wide range of universities from across Scotland. Every one of our HND level courses has articulation opportunities where you can progress from your chosen course to a related university degree. This is an excellent option for those who may want to come to College at an introductory level, and then work their way towards degree level study.

[Find out more about our associate universities in the University Links section of the NESCol website.](#)

Employment

Common employment opportunities include work as a Crèche Support Worker, Holiday Support Worker or Nursery Support Worker.

Useful information

Faculty: Care

School: School of Service Industries

Faculty Manager: Trish Swan
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Curriculum & Quality Manager(s): Catherine Macintyre (Aberdeen)
Email: c.macintyre@nescol.ac.uk

Diane West (Fraserburgh)
Email: dwest@nescol.ac.uk

Guidance and Support

Guidance

You will be assigned a Guidance Tutor when you are enrolled on the course. They will act as your primary contact should you have any issues, personal or involving your course, whilst at North East Scotland College. They will support you for the duration of your course along with relevant teaching staff. For assignments and assessments you will be provided with detailed feedback where possible, allowing you to pinpoint areas of good performance and areas that may need improvement - essential for your educational development.

[View our Guidance Tutor contact information.](#)

Support

Our Student Services team are dedicated to helping all students with a range of factors that might affect your time at College. They can help you with funding queries, careers advice, learning support and more!

[Visit the Support section of our website for more information](#)

Learning Resources

The College has a number of excellent learning resources available to assist and support the delivery of our classes across full-time, part-time and distance learning courses. They aim to enhance the quality of your learning experience.

[Find out more about NESCol learning resources](#)

Library+

Our Library+ sites – at the Aberdeen City, Aberdeen Altens and Fraserburgh Campuses – provide all students with access to books, journals, newspapers, core skills materials and more! You'll also find laptop friendly areas, private study/research booths and printers, scanners and photocopiers.

[Find out more about what our Library+ services can offer](#)

College calendar

Have a look at our [College Calendar](#) for further information on key dates throughout the year.

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